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SUBJECT: OAU COMMITTEE OF 7 MEETS ON ARAB OIL EMBARGO

REF: ADDIS 14423 (NOTAL)

THERE FOLLOWS DIGEST OF INFORMATION APPEARING ETHIOPIAN PRESS OVER HOLIDAY WEEKEND ON SUBJECT CONFERENCE:

1. MEETING CONVENED DECEMBER 29-30 "TO CONSIDER ARAB OIL EMBARGO AND ITS EFFECTS ON AFRICAN COUNTRIES, INCLUDING PRODUCTION CUT-BACKS AND PRICE INCREASES". IT ELECTED SUDANESE FONMIN CHAIRMAN AND RAPPORTEUR. IT CONSIDERED REPORT TABLED BY OAU ADMIN SECGEN NZO EKANGAKI (CF. REFTEL) ON ALL ASPECTS THIS PROBLEM. REPORT ENVISAGES SHORT TERM AS WELL AS MEDIUM AND LONG-RANGE ARRANGE-MENTS AND CALLS FOR CONCRETE ACTION LEADING TO (A) IMMEDIATE ADEQUATE ARRANGEMENTS FOR ENERGY FLOW TO OAU MEMBER STATES; (B) ENSURING FUTURE FUEL SUPPLIES FOR THESE STATES. REPORT ALSO SAID OFFER OAU'S VIEWS ON CREATION ARAB BANK FOR INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AS WELL AS ON ESTABLISHMENT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE EXCHANGE FUND BETWEEN ARAB AND AFRICAN STATES. EKANGAKI SAID HAVE POINTED OUT THAT OAU GENERAL SECRETARIAT NEEDS AUTHORITY FROM MINISTERIAL LEVEL TO UNDERTAKE COUNTRY-TO-COUNTRY SURVEY OF NEEDS AND OF WAYS TO SATISFY THEM SO THAT IT IN POSITION APPROACH AS NECESSARY APPROPRIATE ARAB PRODUCER(S) TO NEGOTIATE SUPPLY AGREEMENT, ZAMBIA, ZAIRE AND GHANA SAID ALREADY HAVE NEGOTIATED SUCH AGREEMENTS AND BOTSWANA, TANZANIA SAID BE IN PROCESS DOING SO. EKANGAKI SAID HAVE NOTED THAT OF 42 OAU MEMBERS STATES ONLY 5 (NIGERIA, GABON, CONGO, LIBYA, ALGERIA) WERE SELF SUFFICIENT IN OIL AND REQUESTED SECRETARIAT TO REPORT ON SITUATION OTHER MEMBERS AT FEBRUARY CM. ADVERTING TO RECOMMENDATION ARAB HEADS OF STATE AT RECENT ALGIERS SUMMIT THAT AFRICAN COUNTRIES "SEEK TRADITIONAL OIL MARKETS IN ARAB WORLD" EKANGAKI REPORTEDLY POINTED TO PROBLEM AFRICA'S DEPEN-DENCE ON "WESTERN OIL MONOPOLIES". TO OVERCOME PROBLEM EKANGAKI REPORTEDLY ASKED OAU SECRETARIAT STUDY POSSIBLE NEAR-TERM FORMA-TION OF OAU OIL COMPANY TO BE INTERMEDIARY BETWEEN AFRICAN CONSUMERS AND ARAB PRODUCERS IN ALL SPHERES (PRODUCTION THROUGH MARKETING). WELCOMING ARAB INITIATIVE ESTABLISHMENT ARAB BANK FOR INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA CAPITAL-IZED AT US$125M, EKANGAKI REPORTEDLY DEMANDED AFRICAN SAY IN ITS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OPERATION. WELCOMING ARAB PROPOSAL FOR US$15M TECHNICAL ASSIS-TANCE EXCHANGE FUND, HE IS SAID HAVE RECOMMENDED THAT FUND BE INCREASED AND ITS USE INCLUDE INTRA-AFRICAN (RATHER THAN MERELY ARAB/AFRICAN) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

2. COMMITTEE SAID HAVE REACHED FOLLOWING DECISIONS: IT (A) APPROVED EKANGAKI'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TECHNICAL STUDIES BY OAU SECRETARIAT TO ALLEVIATE OIL EMBARGO IMPACT; AUTHORIZED HIM TO

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APPOINT REQUISITE CONSULTANTS, COLLECT DATA, ETC.; (B) CALLED FOR A JOINT MEETING OF ARAB FONMIN'S AND PETROLEUMMIN'S WITH OAU COMMITTEE OF 7 "PREFERABLY BEFORE END JANUARY 1974" TO DISCUSS ARRANGEMENTS FOR ALLEVIATION EMBARGO'S IMPACT ON AFRICAN STATES; (C) "WELCOMED THE PRINCIPLE" OF ESTABLISHMENT ARAB DEVELOPMENT BANK AND TA FUND NOTING NEED TO DISCUSS DETAILS"; (D) "DISCUSSED QUESTION OF GENERAL COOPERATION BETWEEN AFRICAN AND ARAB STATES"; (E) APPOINTED SUB-COMMITTEE (BOTSWANA, SUDAN, TANZANIA) HEADED BY LATTER'S FONMIN MALECELA TO PROCEED TO CAIRO FORTHWITH TO MAKE PRELIMINARY CONTACT WITH ARAB LEAGUE SECGEN AND REQUISITE ARRANGEMENTS FOR JOINT MEETING PER 2(B) ABOVE AND PREPARE GROUND FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH ARAB OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES.

3. SUB-COMMITTEE SAID HAVE DEPARTED FOR CAIRO DECEMBER 30. EMBASSY WILL FOLLOW UP WITH AVAILABLE SOURCES AND REPORT FURTHER AS WARRANTED.
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